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Temporary Closure near Happy Camp due to the Bear Fire

Happy Camp, CA, September 1, 2015—A new Emergency Closure Order has been implemented for Klamath National Forest land within and adjacent to the Bear Fire, a part of the Gasquet Complex. A similar closure order is in effect on adjacent Six Rivers National Forest land. The purpose of the temporary closure is to protect public safety during efforts to suppress the Bear Fire. Simply stated, it is unsafe for the public to be near the wildfire due to unpredictable changes in wind, rolling fire debris and poor visibility. Likewise the closure order is important for firefighter safety.

Hunters as well as recreationists need to be aware of the closure order. The public is not allowed to go into or be upon National Forest land within the closed area. Forest visitors are encouraged to seek alternative hunting areas.

The boundary for the closure starts at Young's Peak on the Klamath and Six Rivers National Forests boundary and continues south along the Forest Boundary to a tributary of Clear Creek at Township 16 North, Section 18, Range 5 East; then continues southeast along the creek to the intersection of Clear Creek Trail (Forest Trail 5223); then north along the edge of the Clear Creek Trail to the Forest Boundary; then west along the Forest Boundary back to the starting point at Young's Peak. The Order is in effect until the Gasquet Complex Bear Fire is fully suppressed.

A detailed map and description of the closed area is available at the Klamath National Forest office in Yreka, CA as well as online at : <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/klamath/home>, click on "[Alerts and Warnings](#)" and follow link to [Gasquet Complex Bear Fire Emergency Closure Order 15-05-770](#).

California is in the midst of a very active wildfire season. Years of drought conditions have left the state highly vulnerable to catastrophic wildfires. A high percentage of wildfire starts in California are human caused. Human caused fires are preventable. To find out more about what you can do to prevent human caused, unwanted wildfires, please go to www.preventwildfireca.org.

Forest Visitors need to also be aware that fire restrictions are in effect. No campfires are allowed outside of designated campgrounds or picnic areas. Portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel, with an on off switch are allowed inside and outside of designated campgrounds with a valid California campfire permit. Please visit the Klamath National Forest website and click on "[Alerts and Warnings](#)" and select "[Klamath National Forest under Fire Restrictions beginning July 2, 2015](#)" for more details on fire restrictions.